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AMS: A Mighty Service

by Ben Johnson

The mention of Saturday, September 18, 1982 will bring a smile and fond memory to many mentally handicapped kids as MSOE's Association of Military Students (AMS) sponsored the Special Olympics for the greater Milwaukee area on a beautiful Autumn afternoon.

Randy Conaway, along with AMS, some courageous volunteers, and local sports, TV, and radio personalities gave some 120 handicapped children a chance to compete in a softball tournament, test their baseball-throwing skills at the area "dunk tank", and enjoy a fine fall picnic.

The eight game tourney, managed by AMS members, was capped with a great come-from-behind victory by the West Allis All-Stars. The brave souls that volunteered and showed for the dunk tank were Sally (Soaked) Morgan of Student Life, Vice-president of Administration Joseph (Drenched) DeCarlo, WMSE's Doug (Dunked) Geren, the alumni office "Aqua Queen" Mary Messerlie, Creative Foods manager Rich (Barely dry) Barry, and a few "On The Spot" enthusiasts. AMS voiced its extreme gratitude to these people, who donated their effort and time, while risking their health for a good cause. They easily could have refused to participate or not shown up at all. AMS would also like to thank President Spitzer, and MSOE for their support for this project.

Photo by Lars Topelmann

WMSE Changes - Personnel and Format

by Ben Johnson

MSOE's continually-changing brainchild, WMSE, has undergone another personality change while some of its station personalities were fired in late August.

On August 27th, WMSE's Program Director Todd Ciske, along with Bob Baird, Mark Courtney, Jeff Herwig, Mark Kappel, Steve Lamers and Rich Majeski were notified of their dismissals from the radio station. These liberations were a result of a petition drive and an on-the-air attempt to drum up support to resist a management-initiated format change for WMSE.

The change, already implemented, is as follows: Monday through Saturday will consist of album oriented rock (AOR) from 6:00 to 9:00 a.m., followed by jazz (9:00 to noon), soul (noon to 3:00), Top 40 (3:00 to 6:00 p.m.), AOR (6:00 to 9:00 p.m.), heavy metal (9:00 to midnight), and progressive music (midnight to 6:00 a.m.). Sunday listeners will experience ethnic music, big-band sounds, jazz, classical music, and talk shows.

The dismissed student employees involved believe that, among other things, the new format is detrimental to WMSE's reputation of spontaneous free-form musical expression, and that the latest move is just another step toward total

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A "Messy" Sandlot Team

commentary by Ben Johnson

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WMSE reminds me of a sandlot baseball team that progressed from a self-ruling club to a major professional franchise, where the more stringent rules are set years before. All the team members both realize and follow the league rules, except for the few troublemakers that plague every club. Rule # 1 simply states that the team must either follow the league rules or be disbanded.

The problem can become complicated when the "brand" of baseball played is discussed. Should the team play a brand of baseball desired by the players, the majority of the fans, or the coaches? Actually, this problem occurs only if the three sectors disagree on the brand most suitable. Remember, the manager must please the owners, or find another job. The owners hire the manager who, they believe, can lead the club. Though he must fit their mold and lead the team, he should not be a dictator. A true leader may possess power, and occasionally use it, but should **not flaunt it.** The manager must realize that the players' performances are his responsibility and will most likely reflect his leadership.

This concept can be rather intimidating to those players who have been used to their own unique quirks and styles of play. It's the manager who controls the amount of flamboyant behavior that the team demonstrates. The players must realize that money talks and that the owners are their employers, whether they're getting paid or whether they're volunteering. To remain employed, they must play in a way acceptable to the owners.

What about the equipment used? Well, since it's the owners' ballpark, any internally manufactured equipment must be considered the owners'. But, anything that the players build externally or bring in remains theirs.

The players have the right to form their own union, if they want to. The owners should not have the right to disband any union that may exist. Perhaps the disgruntled players should reform their old sandlot team.

The bottom line!

1) The owners own and run the club because they are responsible for it.
2) The owners and players should meet each other halfway.
3) The owners should listen to the players' viewspoints, and the players should listen to the owners' viewpoints.
4) Both the owners and the players sadly lack effective communication skills, and probably always will.
5) I really don't think that I want to play baseball.

Letter to the Editor

To MSOE:

Thank you for the blood donations. I used a total of 11 units. Thank you for the support from students, staff, and faculty.

Mark Dallner

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domination of the station by the management.

Vice-president of Administration Joseph DeCarlo believes WMSE has not been attracting the largest college listening group possible, and these alterations may help to change that viewpoint.

MSOE BASEBALL CARWASH

- Day of Homecoming
- October 23
- 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Corner of North Milwaukee and State Streets
- To raise money for equipment and spring trip to Missouri

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